

Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting

November 7, 2017

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters of the Town of Ashburnham met at Oakmont Regional High School Auditorium, 9 Oakmont Drive, Ashburnham, on November 7, 2017. Moderator Keith Glenny presided at the meeting which was called to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The new Treasurer/Collector, Sara Paz was introduced.

**ARTICLE 1:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,500 for a Full-Time Local Building Inspector Position or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*

	<u>Approved FY18</u>	<u>Revised FY18</u>
<b>Revenues:</b> Licenses & Permits	174,813	227,313
<b>Expenses:</b> Land Use Department	127,557	170,057
Employee Benefits	1,367,981	1,377,981

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	ADVISORY RECOMMEND:	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	TAX RATE IMPACT:
Yes	TBD	--	--

Brief Explanation: By increasing the projected revenues for the Inspections Department, the cost of a new Full Time Local Building Inspector position will be covered.

Article 1 Voted: On a motion of Kyle Johnson to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,500 for a Full-Time Building Inspector Position.

Majority Voted Yes.

**ARTICLE 2:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$25,000 to the Reserve Fund, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	ADVISORY RECOMMEND:	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	TAX RATE IMPACT:
Yes	TBD	--	--

Brief Explanation: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000 to the Reserve Fund.

Article 2 Voted: On a motion of Leo Janssens to vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000 to the Reserve Fund.

Unanimous Yes.

**ARTICLE 3:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$75,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Board of Selectmen)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	ADVISORY RECOMMEND:	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	TAX RATE IMPACT:
<b>Yes</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>

Brief Explanation: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$75,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Article 3 Voted: On a motion of John Mulhall to transfer from Free Cash the changed sum of \$73,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Unanimous Yes.

#### **ARTICLE 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$10,000 for dam studies as required by the state, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	ADVISORY RECOMMEND:	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	TAX RATE IMPACT:
<b>Yes</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>

Brief Explanation: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 for dam studies as required by the State.

Article 4 Voted: On motion of Kyle Johnson to transform Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 for dam studies.

Unanimous Yes.

#### **ARTICLE 5:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$35,000 to the Highway Department for expenses incurred for the FY18 Paving Plan, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*

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<b>Yes</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>

Brief Explanation: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$35,000 to the Highway Department for expenses incurred for the FY18 Paving Plan.

Article 5 Voted: On motion of Leo Janssens to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$35,000 to the Highway Department.

Unanimous Yes.

#### **ARTICLE 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$20,000 to the Town's Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	ADVISORY RECOMMEND:	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	TAX RATE IMPACT:
Yes	TBD	--	--

Brief Explanantion: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 to the Town's Other Post Employment Benefits Trust.

Article 6 Voted: On motion of John Mulhall to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 to the Town's Other Post Employment Benefits Trust.

Unanimous Yes.

#### **ARTICLE 7:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$15,000 to the Fire Department for on-call wages, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	ADVISORY RECOMMEND:	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	TAX RATE IMPACT:
Yes	TBD	--	--

Brief Explanation: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 to the Fire Department for on-call wages.

Article 7 Voted; On motion of Kyle Johnson to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 to the Fire Department for on-call wages.

Unanimous Yes.

#### **ARTICLE 8:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$40,000 for a new heat pump system at Stevens Memorial Library, said sum to be used in conjunction with matching Library Funds and grants awarded for this project, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Energy Committee)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	ADVISORY RECOMMEND:	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	TAX RATE IMPACT:
Yes	TBD	--	--

Brief Explanation: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000 for a new heat pump system at Stevens Memorial Library.

Article 8 Voted: On motion of Leo Janssens to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000 for a new heat pump system at Stevens Memorial Library.

Unanimous Yes.

**ARTICLE 9:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$45,000 for upgrades to the security system, including the cameras, in the Public Safety Building, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Town Administrator)*

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	ADVISORY RECOMMEND:	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	TAX RATE IMPACT:
<b>Yes</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>--</b>

Brief Explanation: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$45,000 for upgrades to the security system in the Public Safety Building.

Article 9 Voted: On motion of John Mulhall to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$45,000 for upgrades to the security system in the Public Safety Building.

Unanimous Yes.

**ARTICLE 10:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the sum of \$94,473 to be spent under the supervision of the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District for the following districtwide capital projects; further, that said appropriation is subject to the Town of Westminster also voting to fund its share of the cost of this article, or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by AWRSD).*

13,314	Phone System Replacement (Administration)
15,141	Fire Safety Panel (Oakmont)
3,245	Auditorium Lights (Oakmont)
3,504	Walk-behind Floor Scrubber (Oakmont)
8,533	Exterior Board Replacement (Oakmont)
28,992	Network Cabling (Overlook)
16,912	Wireless Upgrade (Overlook)
4,832	Floor Replacement (Overlook)

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<b>Yes</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>--</b>

Brief Explanation: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$94, 473 for capital projects to be spent under the supervision of the Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District.

Article 10 Voted: On motion of Kyle Johnson to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$94,473 for capital projects for the AWRSD.

Majority Vote: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle M. Johnson, Town Clerk